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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of THOMAS Q. HU ET AL Serial No. 10/770,474 Filed February 4, 2004

For: BLEACHING AND BRIGHTNESS STABILIZATION
OF LIGNOCELLULOSIC MATERIALS WITH WATER-SOLUBLE
PHOSPHINES OR PHOSPHONIUM COMPOUNDS

Group Art Unit 1731

Examiner: Anna L. Kinney

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 U. S. A.

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of December 6, 2005.

The specification and claims have been amended for greater clarity in response to the objections. A full set of claims showing the amendments and status identifiers is set out hereinafter.